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Senior and Access Passes Now Available By Mail

WASHINGTON: Lifetime passes to America's national parks for senior citizens and Americans with disabilities are now available through the mail.

National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis said the Senior Pass and the Access Pass will still be available at national parks, "But the option of receiving a pass by mail may better suit some people and any change that makes it more convenient to prepare to come to the parks is a change for the better. We want everyone to experience the amazing places in our care.

"National parks have a lot to offer," continued Jarvis. "They are places to share with children, grandchildren, and other family members. They facilitate recreation and healthy living. Many parks, including Yellowstone, Shenandoah, and Denali, have trails that are accessible to people with limited mobility and to wheelchair users. We also have many accessible camping and picnic areas."

The Senior and Access passes provide admission to, and use of, federal recreation sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees. Pass users also receive a 50% discount on some amenity fees for activities like camping and launching a boat. They are available to citizens and permanent residents of the United States age 62 or more or who have permanent disabilities regardless of age.

The "Senior" and "Access" versions of the America the Beautiful Pass – the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – are good for a lifetime. The Access pass is free and the Senior pass is just \$10. There is a \$10 processing fee to receive either pass by the mail.

To get your Senior pass through the mail just submit a completed application, proof of residency and age, and \$20. The fee covers the cost of the pass and a document processing fee. You can print out an application at this web site: <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html> . Once the application package is received and the documentation verified, the pass will be mailed to you.

The application for the Access pass is also available at <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html> . To receive the Access pass, mail the completed application along with proof of residency and documentation of permanent disability plus the \$10 document processing fee. Once the application package is received and verified, the pass and the documentation of permanent disability you provided will be mailed to you.

For more information, please visit http://www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm or <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html> .

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 395 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov .

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